



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 407**

February Session, 2010

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**AN ACT REQUIRING MOTORCYCLE TRAINING PRIOR TO THE  
ISSUANCE OF A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who  
5 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding  
6 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to  
7 [demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy or a motor  
8 vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as  
9 the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to  
10 operate a motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of a  
11 motorcycle to ensure its safe operation by such applicant, and has  
12 satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and other  
13 motor vehicles and the rules of the road. An applicant under the age of  
14 eighteen shall also] present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner  
15 that such applicant has successfully completed a novice motorcycle  
16 training course conducted by the Department of Transportation or by  
17 any firm or organization that conducts such a course that uses the  
18 curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or other safety or  
19 educational organization that has developed a curriculum approved

20 by the commissioner. The commissioner may waive the on-road skills  
 21 portion of the examination for the endorsement for any such applicant  
 22 or an applicant who is eighteen years of age or older who presents  
 23 evidence of satisfactorily completing a motorcycle training course. If  
 24 an applicant has had a license or held such an endorsement from a  
 25 state where a similar examination or course is required, the  
 26 commissioner may waive part or all of any such requirement. When  
 27 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the  
 28 applicant, the commissioner may issue an endorsement to such  
 29 applicant, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the  
 30 commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or motorcycle  
 31 endorsement holder has any health problem which might affect such  
 32 person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the commissioner may  
 33 require the applicant or endorsement holder to demonstrate personally  
 34 that, notwithstanding the problem, such person is a proper person to  
 35 operate a motorcycle, and the commissioner may further require a  
 36 certificate of the applicant's condition, signed by a medical authority  
 37 designated by the commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be  
 38 treated as confidential by the commissioner. An endorsement,  
 39 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may  
 40 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be  
 41 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing an endorsement,  
 42 either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending an  
 43 endorsement of a person whom the commissioner deems incapable of  
 44 safely operating a motorcycle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2010	14-40a(c)
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**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*